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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. VAN DER STOEL DISTRESSED BY TURKISH INTRANSIGENCE

DUTCH FOREIGN MINISTER VAN DER STOEL RETURNED FROM ANKARA DEPRESSED AND DISAPPOINTED BY TURKISH INTRANSIGENCE ON THE CYPRUS AND AEGEAN ISSUES. MFA POLITICAL DIRECTOR RUTTEN TOLD EMBASSY THE HAGUE THAT, AFTER TALKS WITH CAGLAYANGIL AND DEMIREL, VAN DER STOEL HAD CONCLUDED:

--THE TURKS WILL NOT BEGIN AEGEAN TALKS BEFORE SISMIK ENDS ITS PRESENT VOYAGE AND WILL NOT ENTER NEGOTIATIONS UNTIL THE GREEKS WITHDRAW THEIR ICJ CASE.

--PROSPECTS FOR TURKISH ACCEPTANCE OF JOINT ACCOMMODATION AND MEDIATION ARE DIM.

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ON THE CYPRUS ISSUE, THE TURKS:

--REITERATED PREVIOUS POSITIONS, INCLUDING OPPOSITION TO EARLY RESUMPTION OF THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS; AND

--BRANDED AS "ILLUSORY" VISIONS OF ANYTHING MORE THAN MINOR TERRITORIAL CONCESSIONS.

VAN DER STOEL IS STILL DISPOSED TO MAKE FURTHER EFFORTS TOWARD JOINT EXPLORATION IN THE AEGEAN, WHICH COULD AT LEAST CLARIFY WHAT RESOURCES WERE AT STAKE. (CONFIDENTIAL) THE HAGUE 4903, 9/9.)

2. SPAIN: OSORIO CLAIMS UNITY, WANTS ELECTIONS

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT ALFONSO OSORIO TOLD EMBASSY MADRID THAT, DESPITE PRESS REPORTS, HE AND SUAREZ WERE NOT AT ODDS; THE GOVERNMENT IS UNIFIED AND RESOLVED TO MOVE AHEAD WITH POLITICAL REFORM AND ELECTIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. OSORIO ADDED:

--THE COMMUNISTS WILL BE PERMITTED TO CARRY OUT POLITICAL ACTIVITIES WITH OTHER GROUPS, BUT NOT TO ORGANIZE OR STAGE THEIR OWN POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.

--THE PCE'S LACK OF A POPULAR BASE AND FEAR OF ELECTIONS ARE OTHER REASONS FOR PROMPT ELECTIONS.

--THE AUTHORITY OF THE GOS TO ADOPT NEEDED ECONOMIC MEASURES WOULD BE ENHANCED BY ELECTIONS. (CONFIDENTIAL) MADRID 6857, 9/9.)

3. THE FOXBAT: VICTOR LOUIS THREATENS TROUBLE

IN A SHORT, MOSCOW-DATELINED ARTICLE IN FRANCE SOIR SEPTEMBER 9, VICTOR LOUIS WARNS THAT THE FOXBAT AFFAIR MAY CREATE "SERIOUS PROBLEMS" BETWEEN TOKYO AND MOSCOW IF THE GOJ PERMITS AMERICAN EXPERTS TO INSPECT THE PLANE AND INTERROGATE THE PILOT.

ACCORDING TO LOUIS, IT IS A "TACITLY ACCEPTED RULE" THAT
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SOVIET MATERIAL FALLING INTO THE HANDS OF A THIRD COUNTRY WILL BE PROTECTED BY THAT COUNTRY AND NOT PASSED ON TO AMERICAN EXPERTS. LOUIS CLAIMS ISRAEL FOLLOWS THIS PRACTICE, AND CONCLUDES, "IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER JAPAN WILL FOLLOW SUIT."

EMBASSY COMMENT: LOUIS' SELF-CONSCIOUS AND TARDY CONTRIBUTION REFLECTS MOSCOW'S EVIDENT EMBARRASSMENT OVER THIS

AFFAIR AND ITS SPECIAL CONCERN WITH US EXPLOITATION OF THE PLANE. LOUIS' KGB SUPERIORS EVIDENTLY FELT THAT THE POSSIBLE MARGINAL IMPACT OF AN INFORMAL LOUIS THREAT IN EUROPE FOR JAPANESE CONSUMPTION OUTWEIGHED, EVEN AT THIS ADVANCED STAGE, THE ADVANTAGES OF MAINTAINING SILENCE. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) PARIS 26179, 9/9.)

4. LAOS: WHAT A DIFFERENCE A YEAR MAKES

FRENCH EMBASSY COUNSELOR LAMBERT GAVE EMBASSY VIENTIANE HIS ESTIMATE THAT 90 PERCENT OF THE LAO POPULATION NOW OPPOSES THE LAO GOVERNMENT, WHEREAS A LITTLE OVER A YEAR AGO, THE SAME PROPORTION REJOICED AT THE COMMUNIST TAKEOVER. HE ADDED:

--WHILE THE OPPOSITION OF THE PASSIVE LAO PEOPLE POSES NO THREAT TO THE LPDR'S EXISTENCE, IT IS A SIGNIFICANT POLITICAL PROBLEM FOR THE GOVERNMENT.

--POPULAR OPPOSITION PROVIDES THE SUPPORT--OR AT LEAST TOLERANCE--ESSENTIAL TO CONTINUED GUERRILLA ACTIVITY IN SEVERAL PARTS OF THE COUNTRY. (CONFIDENTIAL)
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